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DECISION ON PETITION

In re Application of
YUJIRO KAJIHARA ET AL.
Application No. 09/987,978
Filed: November 16, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 1374.32049RV1

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 3, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action of May 14, 2009, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 18, 2009.

Petitioner contends that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error since a timely reply (Amendment) was received by the office on November 16, 2009, with a request for three (3) month extension of time. A review of the application file record confirms the receipt of this reply with the fees for a three (3) month extension of time, on November 16, 2009. Thus, the application is not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby **VACATED** and the holding of abandonment **WITHDRAWN**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2815 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received November 16, 2009.

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